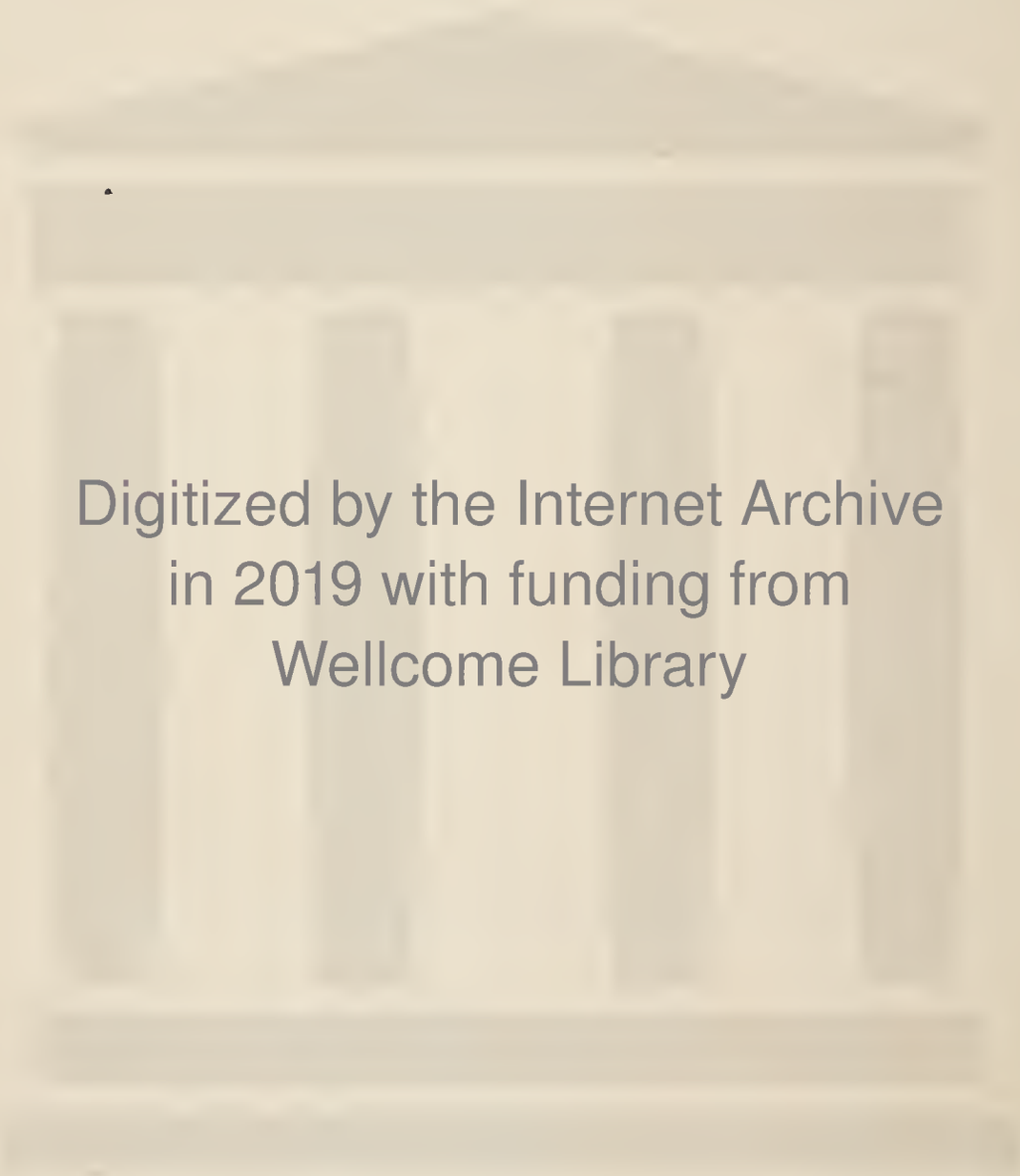

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INTRODUCTION.

NOTHING has contributed more to the advancement of ſcience, than the eſtabliſhment of literary ſocieties. Theſe excite a generous ardour in liberal minds, and raiſe even envy itſelf into uſeful emulation.

The principal part of our knowledge muſt be ever derived from comparing our own obſervations with thoſe of others. In this view the utility of ſocieties, which afford an opportunity for the mutual communication of our thoughts, muſt be ſufficiently apparent. Books cannot ſolve all our difficulties, nor will the obſervations made in other ages and climates, hold always true in our own.

The intention of this ſociety is to give practitioners in medicine frequent opportunities of meeting together, and conferring with each other, concerning any difficult or uncommon caſes which may have occurred; or communicating any new diſcoveries in medicine which have been made, either at home or abroad.

Papers, which tend to the advancement of the ſcience, will be received by the ſociety, and ſuch as may be deemed worthy of publication, carefully preſerved, until ſufficient matter for a volume ſhall be collected.

In order to excite practitioners to bring thoſe talents to light, which would otherwiſe lie buried and uſeleſs to the community, the ſociety have reſolved to hold forth honorary rewards to thoſe who ſhall improve the medical art: and although this has not been hitherto attempted in theſe kingdoms, yet they hope that their example may appear not altogether unworthy of imitation.

The ſociety has likewiſe founded a medical library, that its members may obtain an eaſy acceſs to the beſt ancient and modern authors.

Animated with theſe deſigns, the ſociety ſubmit their plan to the conſideration of the faculty in general, whoſe aſſiſtance is requeſted, in order to render it extenſively beneficial to mankind.

CHAPTER I.

Of the different Branches of the Society, and the Qualifications of its Members.

1. THE ſociety ſhall conſiſt of phyſicians, ſurgeons, and apothecaries, divided into fellows, correſponding members, and candidates.

2. The number of fellows ſhall be reſtricted to thirty in each branch of the profeſſion,

ſeſſion, who alone ſhall direct the affairs of the ſociety, and be eligible into any office.

3. No perſon ſhall be eligible as a fellow, or candidate of this ſociety, unleſs ſettled in buſineſs in the city of London, or within ſeven miles thereof.

4. No phyſician ſhall be eligible as a fellow, who does not produce a diploma, and teſtimonials of having ſtudied medicine regularly in ſome univerſity, unleſs he is a member of the college of phyſicians of London.

5. No ſurgeon ſhall be eligible as a fellow, who has not been approved of by the court of examining ſurgeons.

6. As ſoon as any one of the three claſſes of which the ſociety conſiſts, ſhall have thirty fellows, thoſe perſons who may deſire to become members of the ſociety, can be admitted only on the liſt of candidates.

7. Theſe candidates ſhall enjoy all the privileges of fellows, except that of voting in any queſtion which may come before the ſociety.

8. They ſhall pay the ſame fine on admiſſion, and the ſame annual ſubſcription with the fellows: But when elected into the liſt of fellows, they ſhall not be required to pay a ſecond admiſſion fine.

9. When any vacancy ſhall happen in the liſt of fellows, it ſhall be filled up by ballot

from the candidates of that diſtinct branch of the ſociety in which ſuch vacancy occurred.

10. This election ſhall be always made at one of the two general meetings of the ſociety, hereafter to be named.

11. No perſon ſhall be eligible as a correſponding member who reſides within ſeven miles of London. Nor ſhall any perſon be elected on that liſt, who has not delivered a memoir to the ſociety, which has received its approbation.

12. If any perſon who has been elected a correſponding member, ſhall come to reſide in or within ſeven miles of London, he ſhall, on paying his admiſſion fine, and ſigning the obligation, be admitted a fellow, if there ſhould be a vacancy in the liſt on which he muſt ſtand. But if the liſt ſhould be full, or any candidate on it, he ſhall be admitted a candidate without farther ballot.

13. No proprietor of any empyrical noſtrum ſhall be eligible into this ſociety.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Election and Admiſſion of Members.

1. Every perſon who deſires to be admitted a member of the ſociety, ſhall be recommended by three or more fellows on their perſonal

perſonal knowledge, or from his being known to them by his works.

2. In the recommendation, the profeſſion and place of abode of the perſon propoſed for election ſhall be ſpecified.

3. The recommendation ſhall be delivered to one of the ſecretaries, and firſt read in the council, that they may be ſatisfied that the perſon recommended is deſirous of becoming a member, has been informed of the regulations of the ſociety, and is eligible according to its ſtatutes.

4. The recommendation ſhall then be read at the enſuing meeting of the ſociety, and directed to be hung up in the common meeting room for two ſucceeding ordinary meetings.

5. An abſtract of it, with the names of thoſe who recommended the candidate, ſhall be inſerted in the books of the ſociety, and read at each of theſe meetings.

6. On the laſt of theſe meetings the votes ſhall be taken by ballot, if twelve fellows of the ſociety be then preſent.

7. If two-thirds of the number of the fellows preſent ballot in favour of the candidate, he ſhall be declared duly elected.

8. If it appear upon the ballot, that the perſon propoſed cannot be admitted a mem-

ber, no notice thereof ſhall be taken in the minutes.

9. The admiſſion of every perſon who ſhall be choſen a fellow or candidate, ſhall be at ſome ordinary meeting, when, after he has paid his admiſſion fine, he ſhall ſign the following obligation:

"We whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, "promiſe that we will endeavour to promote "the honour, and obſerve the regulations "of the Medical Society of London, as "long as we ſhall continue members there-"of."

10. The preſident ſhall then take him by the hand ſaying,

"By the authority delegated to me by the "Medical Society of London, I admit you a "fellow [*or* candidate] thereof."

11. Any perſon refuſing to ſign the obligation, ſhall not be received as a member of the ſociety.

CHAPTER III.

Of the Payment of Admiſſion Fines, Annual Contributions, &c.

1. Every perſon who ſhall be elected a fellow or candidate of this ſociety ſhall, before his admiſſion, pay the ſum of two guineas.

2. If

2. If any perſon ſhall neglect to pay his admiſſion fine within two months after being elected a fellow or candidate, unleſs prevented by illneſs, or any other unavoidable accident, his election ſhall be void, and he ſhall be rendered incapable of being propoſed again for the ſpace of one year.

3. Every fellow or candidate, as long as he continues a member, ſhall pay to the ſociety the annual ſum of one guinea.

4. No perſon ſhall have a vote in the ſociety if ſix months in arrear.

5. If any member ſhall neglect the payment of the annual contribution for two years, he ſhall, at the end of two months after notice has been given him by the ſecretary, be liable to expulſion from the ſociety.

6. If any member ſhall advance to the ſociety the ſum of ten guineas above his admiſſion fine, and all arrears then due, he ſhall be exempted from all annual payments for the future.

7. No fine on admiſſion or annual contribution is expected from correſponding members.

CHAPTER IV.

Of the Officers, Council and Committees.

1. For the purpoſe of conducting with regularity the affairs of the ſociety, there ſhall be

be elected annually, a preſident, a treaſurer, a librarian, three ſecretaries, a council, and three committees.

2. This election ſhall be by ballot on the firſt of the two general meetings.

3. Particular ſummonſes ſhall be ſent to every fellow, together with two printed liſts, at leaſt three days before the time of election.

4. One of theſe liſts ſhall contain the name of every member, with marks affixed, ſhewing what office he has formerly held or now holds in the ſociety.

5. Such members likewiſe as are not eligible to any office, or to that only which they may hold at the time of election, ſhall be reſpectively diſtinguiſhed, to the end that no perſon may throw away his vote.

6. The ſecond balloting liſt ſhall have the offices and places printed, with blank ſpaces left for the inſertion of the names of thoſe perſons who ſhall be thought beſt qualified to fill them.

7. Every fellow who attends, ſhall firſt deliver his name to one of the ſecretaries attending the ballot, and afterwards put either the printed liſt filled up, or a written one if he chuſes it, into the balloting glaſs.

8. The ballot ſhall be opened at the hour of one, and cloſed half an hour paſt two in the afternoon, after which it ſhall be examined

amined by the ſecretaries of the ſociety, together with two ſcrutineers of the members preſent, drawn by lot by the preſident.

9. Should any liſt contain more names to fill up any office, than the fellow had a right to inſert; the irregular part only of ſuch liſt ſhall be ſet aſide, and the remaining part of it be taken as if no ſuch miſtake had exiſted.

10. No perſon ſhall be eligible to any office, who ſhall be ſix months in arrear to the ſociety when the liſts are ordered to be printed, which ſhall be done by the council, on the eighth day before the election.

11. In this election if any doubt or difficulty ariſe, in relation to the perſons who ſhall have the majority of voices, or to the manner of voting, or whenever there ſhall be an equality of voices in favour of different fellows, the ſame ſhall be determined by the majority of the council of the preceding year then preſent.

12. If any vacancies happen in the intervals of the anniverſary election, they ſhall be filled up in the manner above ſpecified.

13. No perſon ſhall remain in any office, or place in the council, longer than three years. Nothing in this rule however, ſhall preclude any member, who has enjoyed one office for the limited ſpace of time, from being elected to another.

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CHAPTER V.

Of the Preſident.

1. The preſident, when preſent, ſhall take the chair at all meetings of the ſociety. He ſhall regulate all debates, and prevent any from being proſecuted upon trivial ſubjects. He ſhall ſtate and put all queſtions, according to the intention of the movers. He ſhall ſummon all extraordinary meetings of the ſociety, and enforce the execution of their ſtatutes.

2. In the abſence of the preſident, the treaſurer, and in his abſence the librarian, ſhall preſide in the ſociety; and in their abſence, the ſenior member of the council or fellow of the ſociety who is preſent, ſhall take the chair for that meeting.

3. All members ſhall pay implicit obedience to the preſident in the execution of his office.

4. The preſident ſhall only vote when the ſuffrages are equal.

5. The preſident whilſt in the chair ſhall be always covered, except when addreſſing himſelf to the whole ſociety.

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Treaſurer.

1. The money belonging to the ſociety ſhall be kept by the treaſurer.

2. He ſhall keep a regular account of all receipts and diſburſements; which ſhall be audited by the council at their meetings, immediately preceding the two general meetings of the ſociety.

3. Every ſum of money, payable for the uſe of the ſociety, of ſix pounds or under, ſhall be paid by order of the council, ſigned by the preſident and one of the ſecretaries; and if the ſum exceed ſix pounds, it ſhall not be paid without an order from the ſociety.

4. Whenever the council, or any five members of the ſociety, deſire to ſee the treaſurer's accounts, he ſhall produce them, and be at all times ready to pay to the ſociety any balance which may be in his hands.

CHAPTER VII.

Of the Librarian and Library.

1. The books ſhall be properly arranged, and each volume diſtinctly numbered. An alphabetical catalogue ſhall be kept of all the printed books, expreſſing the edition, place

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where printed, date, ſize, price, and number as it ſtands in the library. A ſeparate catalogue ſhall be kept of the manuſcripts, ranged under proper heads. Theſe catalogues ſhall be always open in the library for the inſpection of every member.

2. A paper ſhall be kept, wherein, againſt each member's name, the number of any book taken by him from the library, and the time when, ſhall be marked; and as ſoon as returned, a line ſhall be drawn through the number, in the preſence of the perſon who brings the book.

3. A printed paper ſhall be affixed to the inſide of each volume, containing the name of the ſociety, the number of the book, and an abſtract of the laws relative to the receiving and returning of books; and if ſuch book were preſented to the ſociety, the donor's name ſhall be ſubſcribed by the librarian.

4. The library ſhall be always open on Monday and Friday, between the hours of ten and twelve, when all books ſhall be ſent for and returned to the library.

5. Any member ſhall have the liberty at theſe times of viſiting the library, and reading and taking extracts from ſuch books or manuſcripts, as he has previouſly applied for to the librarian or his deputy.

6. Every

6. Every member ſending for a book ſhall write down the title, ſigning and directing it To the librarian of the Medical Society of London.

7. If a book when ſent for, be in the poſſeſſion of another member, an anſwer ſhall be returned, containing the name of the perſon who has it, and the time when it was taken out of the library.

8. No member ſhall have more than two volumes at a time in his poſſeſſion.

9. No member ſhall detain a pamphlet or duodecimo above one week; an octavo two weeks; a quarto three weeks; and a folio four weeks; after which period he ſhall be liable to a penalty of one, two, three, or four ſhillings, in proportion to its ſize, for each week he ſhall detain it, provided ſuch penalty exceed not the value affixed to the book by the council.

10. No manuſcript ſhall be taken out of the library, without a written permiſſion from the council.

11. All new publications ſhall remain in the library for the ſpace of one, two, three, or four weeks, in proportion to their ſize, that the members may have an opportunity of inſpecting them.

12. A member who ſhall loſe, or in any way injure, a book belonging to the ſociety,

ſhall

ſhall pay the full value, together with ſuch fine as the council as ſhall think proper.

13. No member, the librarian or his deputy excepted, ſhall take down any book from its place.

14. All books ſhall be returned before the general meeting in January, that the librarian on entering into his office, may ſee whether any are wanting. Every perſon neglecting to return a book at that time, ſhall forfeit half of its value.

15. No books ſhall be purchaſed for the uſe of the ſociety, but ſuch as treat of phyſical ſubjects.

16. As expending the money of the ſociety properly is of the utmoſt conſequence, the recommendation to purchaſe any book, ſhall be ſigned by three members, and firſt read in the council, and afterwards on two ſucceſſive nights in the ſociety.

17. For any book above three guineas in value, ten fellows; and above ten guineas, twenty fellows muſt be preſent before a ballot can be taken.

18. No book ſhall be purchaſed unleſs two-thirds of the members preſent ballot in its favour.

CHAPTER VIII.

Of the Secretaries.

1. All papers intended for the uſe of the ſociety, ſhall be tranſmitted to one of the ſecretaries, who ſhall deliver them to the committee, to whoſe inſpection they are referred by the laws of the ſociety.

2. The ſecretaries ſhall take an exact account of all the tranſactions of the ſociety.

3. They ſhall read the minutes of the former meeting, and alſo any papers which have been referred to the ſociety by the committees.

4. They ſhall preſerve carefully the books relative to the tranſactions of the ſociety, and alſo all papers committed to their charge. Theſe they ſhall arrange in proper order, and have ready for the inſpection of the ſociety at all meetings.

5. They ſhall be exact in marking the time when any paper is delivered to them, that no perſon may be robbed of the title to a new thought or diſcovery.

6. One of the ſecretaries ſhall, immediately after every election of a member, ſend notice thereof to the perſon elected, with a copy of the law concerning the admiſſion of members.

7. Upon the election of any correſponding member, a letter ſhall be ſent him by one

of the ſecretaries, informing him of the ſame, and acquainting him, that the ſociety hope he will, from time to time, favour them with an account of ſuch matters as may come within his knowledge, that may tend to the elucidation or improvement of any of the branches of medicine.

CHAPTER IX.

Of the Council.

1. The council ſhall conſiſt of the officers of the ſociety, with three phyſicians, three ſurgeons, and three apothecaries, elected by the ſociety.

2. The council ſhall chuſe a chairman and ſecretary out of their own members.

3. The council ſhall meet on Tueſdays alternately with the ſociety, and have a power of adjourning themſelves to any future day at pleaſure, giving written notice of ſuch adjournment to every member.

4. An extraordinary meeting of the council may be held at any time, by an order of the preſident of the ſociety; one of the ſecretaries giving notice of the meeting to every member.

5. On the ordinary nights of meeting, three members ſhall be empowered to tranſact buſineſs. But at other times, the preſence of five members ſhall be requiſite.

6. All

6. All tranſactions of the ſociety, the reading medical papers alone excepted, ſhall previouſly paſs through the council.

7. The council ſhall have no power to make new regulations, but ſhall always refer them to the general meetings of the ſociety appointed for that purpoſe.

CHAPTER X.

Of the Committees.

1. There ſhall be three committees, conſiſting of five fellows in each, to read and prepare for the inſpection of the ſociety, all ſuch medical diſſertations and papers, as ſhall be delivered to them.

2. The firſt ſhall conſiſt of phyſicians, to whom ſhall be referred all memoirs, &c. relating to the theory and practice of phyſic.

3. The ſecond ſhall conſiſt of ſurgeons, to whom ſhall be committed all papers concerning anatomy and ſurgery.

4. The third ſhall conſiſt of apothecaries and chymiſts, to whom ſhall be delivered all diſſertations on pharmacy, chymiſtry, and drugs.

5. Theſe committees ſhall meet every Tueſday at the hour of ſix in the evening.

6. They ſhall chuſe a chairman and ſecretary from their own number, and in their

abſence, any member preſent may be choſen to officiate for that meeting.

7. Each committee ſhall record the minutes of their proceedings in a book ſet apart for that purpoſe, which ſhall be read to the ſociety at their next meeting if required.

8. Theſe committees ſhall lay before the ſociety, ſuch memoirs, papers, &c. as they may judge worthy of communication; and no diſſertation ſhall be read before the ſociety, until it ſhall have paſſed through the committee to which it properly belongs.

9. Theſe committees ſhall have a power to ſuppreſs the whole, or any part of a paper, which they may judge improper to be laid before the ſociety, previouſly acquainting the author or his correſpondent therewith.

10. The particular time at which any paper has been preſented to them ſhall be marked upon it by the ſecretary, and ſigned by the chairman of the committee.

11. Any of the committees may aſk a conference with one or both of the other committees, in order to judge of papers, which treat of mixed ſubjects.

12. Any fellow who chuſes to attend ſhall have an equal right to vote or deliver his ſentiments with thoſe who are appointed of the committee.

CHAPTER XI.

Of the Ordinary Meetings of the Society.

1. The ſociety ſhall meet on every alternate Tueſday, at the hour of ſeven in the evening.

2. The book of regulations ſhall lie on the table before the preſident at all meetings.

3. When ſix fellows ſhall be preſent, they may proceed to buſineſs; except in thoſe particular caſes in which the preſence of a greater number is required by the regulations.

4. Buſineſs ſhall begin by reading the liſt of viſitors, and afterwards the minutes of the preceding meeting: but no part of theſe minutes ſhall be diſcuſſed until the whole has been read over.

5. Such parts of the minutes as ſhall not be objected to on the ſecond reading of them, article by article, ſhall ſtand confirmed, and be ſubſcribed by the preſident.

6. The minutes of the council ſhall be read.

7. Recommendations of perſons deſirous of entering into the ſociety ſhall be read, and a ballot ſhall be taken for thoſe perſons who have been propoſed at the two preceding meetings.

8. Medical intelligence, or extracts of letters, may be laid before the ſociety.

9. The minutes of the committees ſhall then be read if required, and ſuch papers as have been by them referred to the conſideration of the ſociety.

10. No new buſineſs ſhall be entered on after the hour of nine.

CHAPTER XII.

Of the General Meetings.

1. There ſhall be two general meetings of the ſociety every year, viz. the 18th of January and the 4th of June, for conſidering the ſtate of the ſociety, examining the books, ſettling the accounts, and for making ſuch alteration in, and additions to the regulations of the ſociety, as may be thought neceſſary.

2. At the firſt of theſe meetings ſhall be elected the officers, council and committees for the year enſuing. Any vacancies which may have happened on the liſt of fellows ſhall be filled. And a member ſhall be nominated to deliver the annual oration the ſucceeding year.

3. This election ſhall begin at one o'clock and cloſe half an hour after two.

4. Afterwards there ſhall be delivered the oration on the beſt means of improving the ſcience of medicine.

5. Any member who ſhall be choſen to give the annual oration, may decline it within the ſpace of one month after the election, on paying a fine of one guinea, and another ſhall be choſen in his room at the next ordinary meeting.

6. At the ſecond meeting the honorary medals ſhall be conferred, according to the regulations ſpecified by the ſociety.

7. At theſe meetings the preſident ſhall requeſt each member to deliver to the council, at the end of every month, or as often as may be convenient, an account of the diſorders which have come under his notice, that a compleat hiſtory may be formed of the epidemic diſeaſes of London.

8. No member ſhall be propoſed, elected or admitted a member at either of theſe meetings.

CHAPTER XIII.

Of the Gold Medal.

1. The ſociety reſolve to give a medal annually to the author of the beſt diſſertation on a ſubject propoſed by the ſociety, for which the learned of all countries ſhall be invited as candidates.

2. No fellow or candidate of the ſociety ſhall be capable of entering into competition for this prize.

3. Each diſſertation ſhall be delivered to the ſecretary, written in a legible hand, in the Latin, Engliſh or French language, at leaſt two months before the meeting for adjudging the medal.

4. With it ſhall be delivered a ſealed packet, with ſome device on the outſide, and within the author's name and deſignation.

5. The ſame device ſhall be put upon the diſſertation, that the ſociety may know how to addreſs the ſucceſsful candidate.

6. There ſhall be a committee appointed by the ſociety for adjudging this medal, conſiſting of the council, to whom ſhall be joined ſuch other members as the ſociety ſhall think proper; and their ſentence ſhall be final.

7. No paper with the name of the author affixed can be received, that the committee may decide upon the merits of each, without any knowledge of, or partiality for the author.

8. All the diſſertations, the ſucceſsful one excepted, ſhall be returned, if deſired, with the packets unopened, containing the names of the authors.

CHAPTER XIV.

Of the making and repealing of Regulations.

1. No new regulations ſhall be made, nor old ones repealed or altered, but at one of the two general meetings of the ſociety. 2.

2. The making of new and altering of old regulations ſhall be propoſed firſt in the council, and afterwards be read in the ſociety, at leaſt one month before the general meeting: they ſhall be hung up in the ſociety's room until that time, when the queſtion, whether ſuch propoſals be admitted or not, ſhall be determined by ballot.

3. If two-thirds of the fellows preſent ballot in favour of the propoſed regulation, it ſhall be declared a law of the ſociety.

CHAPTER XV.

Of Papers for Publication.

1. All papers which have been read twice in the ſociety ſhall be afterwards referred to the conſideration of the council, to whom the determination of all queſtions concerning the publication of papers ſhall be referred.

2. Every member of the council ſhall have each diſſertation two days in his poſſeſſion.

3. Any member, through whoſe neglect the papers are detained, during the circulation, longer than the ſpecified time, ſhall pay one ſhilling for every ſix hours a paper is ſo kept.

4. After a paper ſhall have thus circulated among all the members of the council, letters ſhall be ſent to them by the ſecretary, requeſting

queſting their attendance on the next night of meeting, to ballot for the ſame.

5. At this meeting the members preſent ſhall decide by ballot whether the paper ſhall be inſerted in the manuſcript books of the ſociety.

6. If this queſtion paſs in the affirmative, all further proceedings with reſpect to it ſhall be ſtopt:

7. But if the queſtion paſs in the negative, the council ſhall at ſome ſubſequent meeting, notice of which ſhall be previouſly given to all its members, proceed to decide alſo by ballot, whether ſuch paper ſhall be publiſhed.

8. If the deciſion be in favour of the paper, it ſhall ſtand for confirmation on the next night, when the determination ſhall be final.

9. No ballot ſhall be taken for the publication of any paper, unleſs five members of the council are preſent. A majority of the meeting ſhall determine whether it ſhall or ſhall not be publiſhed. If a majority of the council determine againſt the publication of a paper, no entry thereof ſhall be made in the minutes.

10. In judging of a paper for publication, the council ſhall have a power to call in to their aſſiſtance three other fellows of the ſociety, who are conſidered as well ſkilled in

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that particular branch of medicine, which is the ſubject of the paper.

11. They ſhall give their opinions, and their votes ſhall be received, as to that paper only, equally with any member of the council.

12. If any member deſire that the paper may be read previous to the ballot, it ſhall be complied with.

13. If on the ballot the number of votes for and againſt a paper be equal, the conſideration of it ſhall be adjourned to a future day; and if the votes be equal the ſecond time, the paper ſhall be rejected.

14. No paper ſhall be taken out of the poſſeſſion of the ſecretary, after it has been approved of for publication, nor ſhall any alterations be made in it, without the permiſſion of the council. Theſe alterations ſhall alſo go through the ſame form of ballot as the original paper; and if conſiderable, muſt likewiſe be circulated among the members.

15. No member of the council ſhall vote, or be preſent when the propriety of publiſhing any of his own papers is agitated.

16. The annual oration alone ſhall be exempt from this mode.

17. If any motion be made and ſeconded, for referring it to the conſideration of the council, a meeting of the council ſhall be called by ſpecial ſummonſes; where, after it

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ſhall have been circulated as ſpeedily as poſſible, it ſhall be read over deliberately, and if five members be preſent, a ballot ſhall be taken, concerning the propriety of printing it. If the majority be in its favour, it muſt ſtand over for confirmation to the next meeting of the ſociety.

18. The member who delivers the oration ſhall not be preſent at this meeting of the council, or ſociety.

19. Each member of the ſociety, who is not in arrear ſix months, ſhall receive gratis from the librarian, one copy of ſuch memoirs, as may be publiſhed from time to time, during his continuance in the ſociety.

CHAPTER XVI.

Of Benefactions to the Society.

Every perſon who ſhall preſent any valuable gift to the ſociety ſhall receive their thanks, and have his name regiſtered in the catalogue of benefactors, with an account of his donation.

CHAPTER XVII.

Of Viſitors.

1. Each member ſhall have the privilege of introducing two viſitors at any ordinary meeting of the ſociety.

2. Their names ſhall be entered in the viſitors liſt, and they ſhall be introduced into the council-chamber till the minutes of the former meeting have been read and diſcuſſed.

3. They ſhall then be introduced into the ſociety; but no viſitors ſhall be afterwards admitted without a particular order from the preſident.

4. No perſons, except members of the ſociety, can be admitted to hear the annual oration without a written permiſſion from the preſident.

CHAPTER XVIII.

General Laws.

1. No member ſhall vote by proxy.

2. All queſtions, except thoſe already ſpecified, ſhall be determined by the majority of the fellows preſent.

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3. No queſtion ſhall be put on any motion, unleſs the motion be ſeconded.

4. No reſolution, except thoſe already mentioned, ſhall be valid, until it ſhall have been approved of at two meetings.

5. When the determination of the ſociety is required on a queſtion, it ſhall be in the power of any fellow to demand that it ſhall be taken by ballot.

6. No reſolutions which may be made at any meeting of the ſociety ſhall be valid, unleſs ſix fellows be preſent.

7. All fines ſhall be paid to the treaſurer, and applied to the general uſe of the ſociety.

8. Any perſon who intends to ſpeak in the ſociety, ſhall riſe up and addreſs himſelf to the preſident.

9. When two or more offer to ſpeak at the ſame time, the preſident ſhall determine which of them ſhall deliver his ſentiments firſt.

10. On a motion being made and ſeconded, any fellow may demand the ſenſe of the ſociety being previouſly taken whether ſuch queſtion ſhall be put.

11. All matters of complaint ſhall firſt be laid before the council, who ſhall bring

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ſuch only, as they cannot adjuſt, before the ſociety.

12. No member ſhall ſpeak more than twice upon any ſubject under conſideration, until all the members preſent, who are inclined to ſpeak, ſhall have delivered their ſentiments.

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